

IMPORTANT WITNESS IS MISSING AT TRIAL

ASTORIA PHYSICIAN BADLY WANTED BY BOTH SIDES IN ROBERT CASEY MATTER.

The case of the State against Robert Casey of Olney, charged with having assaulted a little girl about a year ago, is expected to go to the jury this morning. All of yesterday afternoon the circuit court room was fairly well crowded with a throng of auditors who listened with keen interest to the case as it progressed. When court adjourned last evening both the prosecution and defense had their testimony all in, though one witness was absent.

Dr. Toivo Forsstrom was the missing witness. His testimony was considered virtually indispensable by the prosecution at first, though it is understood that later both Mr. Tongue, the prosecuting attorney, and Mr. Brownell, his assistant, deemed their case complete without the physician's testimony. At the same time the defense was also loudly calling for Dr. Forsstrom, averring that certain testimony from him would at once render all of the prosecution's efforts of no effect. Dr. Forsstrom made an examination of the little girl at the time of the alleged assault and naturally his testimony should prove virtually decisive either for or against the prosecution.

Among the attorneys the matter caused keen interest. The case was first brought while Mr. Hedges was district attorney, and while Mr. McCue, who is now the attorney for the defense, was the assistant prosecuting attorney, and to the present district attorney it is said to be inconceivable that the case could ever have been brought without the testimony now expected from the absent physician. Yet the fact that Mr. McCue, for the defense, who naturally should know just what the doctor testified to then for the prosecution, wants the same testimony now for the defense seemed to puzzle the members of the laity who were following the case. Some seemed to find in it another illustration of the facility with which lawyers can perform mental acrobatics, when circumstances demand of them that they jump from one side of the case to the other.

So certain was the prosecution that Dr. Forsstrom would be here when his services were needed, that it is said he was not even subpoenaed. On the door of his office yesterday was this sign: "Gone to Portland."

The lawyers will argue the case the first thing this morning, it is expected, unless Dr. Forsstrom appears.

The little girl, now 12 years of age, went on the stand and made a good witness. Her testimony was more or corroborative testimony. To some who saw Casey at the warehouse with the girl. He thought the girl was crying. Henry Baumgartner and Joseph Warnstaff, two youths, also gave corroborative testimony. To many the prosecution's case seemed very strong. For the defense, Casey went on the stand for himself, and it is understood the prosecution did not think his testimony very strong. His brother, the two Gustafson boys and Andrew Johnson testified as to the defendant's previous good character.

In the absence of Dr. Forsstrom, the prosecution yesterday had Dr. A. A. Finch make a desired investigation and his testimony tended to corroborate the prosecution's case.

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Democrats Urge Haskell's Resignation

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national senate and house of resolutions proposing to amend the constitution of the United States providing for (a), election of United States senators by the people; (b), national income tax; (c), employers' liability act. He says in Oklahoma it is believed that organized labor is indispensable and they have begun by requiring the union label on school text books. Haskell concludes by asserting that there is no use for Hearst's new political party except "For the sole purpose of boosting a single solitary individual who calls himself W. R. Hearst."

Governor Haskell left for Chicago this afternoon for a conference with Colonel Bryan and the national committee regarding the charges.

Astoria Offers Proof That Haskell Did it

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the Astoria High School, who was axe, and who was ousted from his professorship, and chair of Latin, at the Central State Normal School, at Edmond, and who, in the course of an interview last evening, said to a reporter for the Astorian:

"Governor Haskell may claim that politics had nothing to do with the changes made in Oklahoma's State schools, but it seems to be a queer coincidence. At least it smells a little like politics, since at the first annual election of teachers in Governor Haskell's administration, the faculty of the Central State Normal School, located at Edmond, Oklahoma, was practically annihilated. Thirty-three persons were elected to the different positions and of this number but eight members of the old faculty remained. Changes were made from librarian to president. Members of the old faculty, who had been in the school for a dozen years, and whose splendid work had been the result of making it one of the largest and best state schools in Oklahoma, were thrust aside for persons of political pull or for those who had rendered political service. Only two republicans were retained and, out of the twenty-odd new members elected, not one is a republican. I do not know just what changes were made in the other institutions other than the heads of each of the state institutions were changed and active local democrats were put in."

"I might mention, incidentally, that, of two of the old faculty retained one was a brother-in-law of the attorney-general of the State, and the other was a paid representative of the American Book Concern; facts that made their retention decidedly obvious at the time."

This testimony comes from sources that cannot be impugned here nor in Oklahoma; both these gentlemen are too well sponsored to admit of any mistakes or any ulterior purposes; and together they contribute nicely and exactly, in sustaining the American President in all he has said and done in this particular premise. He may not have needed the word of these gentlemen, but it is here in black and white.

Burned District Covers 12 Miles

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falls. The town of Fieldbrook is safe. Many people who were living in the clearings around Luffenholtz have not been heard from and from the appearances of the fire they are either in fearful danger or have already lost their lives.

The plant of the Little River Redwood Lumber Company is burning and all that protects the town of Fieldbrook is 100 yards of green timber. The residents are preparing to fly with their household goods. Fire has now burned over an area of 30 miles long and four to five miles wide. Little River Redwood Lumber Company plant is valued at \$1,000,000 exclusive of several thousand acres of timber.

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CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Believing they would have no trouble in beating their way on trains, Mrs. Alice Boles and Mrs. Emma Gardner who live in Cleveland, O., discarded their dresses and put on clothing belonging to the husband of the former and started on a journey to Wisconsin.

They were accompanied by Boles and Charles Ford, the latter said to be the intended husband of Miss Gardner. Everything went all right until they reached Mayfair last night. Then Special Policeman Thomas Wetta of the Chicago and Northwestern R. R. Company arrested them.

"Please let us resume our journey," pleaded Mrs. Boles, who is 23 years old, but her entreaties were in vain and Lieutenant Samuel Collins, of the Irving Park Station ordered them booked on charges of disorderly conduct.

TERRIFIC TYPHOON.

Philippines Vibrated by a Gale of Fierce Proportions.

MANILA, Sept. 24.—A typhoon of terrific velocity swept through the central portion of the Philippine group, sweeping part of the Island of Samar, northern Leyte, Southeastern Luzon, northern Panay, Masbate and part of Bombon. The typhoon disappeared in the China Sea, moving in a direction west by northwest. Wires are prostrated and available details of the damage done are meagre. It is evident, however, that serious disaster followed in the wake of the sudden storm. A telegram from a town in Masbat reports that every building in the place was razed with the single exception of the postal building. A dispatch received from Bombon says that the typhoon caused a great loss of property and that undoubtedly many persons have been killed.

OFFERED LARGE BRIBE.

President Gompers Makes Startling Statement Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—That he has not only been followed by detectives but had been offered a

large bribe to desert the cause of labor, connecting with that charge the name of President Van Cleave of the National Association of Manufacturers, was the declaration made by President Gompers today while under cross examination in contempt proceedings against him and other federation officials, before Examiner Harper.

MURDERER ESCAPES.

While Handcuffed, He Jumps Through Car Window of Train.

LEADVILLE, Colo. Sept. 24.—Sherman Morris, alias Frank Shercliffe, recently convicted of the murder of John Walsh, a Leadville saloonkeeper, fifteen years ago, escaped from the sheriff of this county at 2:25 o'clock this morning while being taken to the penitentiary at Canon City to serve a 25 year sentence. Morris, while handcuffed, jumped from a car window as the train was approaching Canon City and made good his escape. Morris was brought here for trial from Michigan. Witnesses came from Omaha, Neb., and Butte, Mont., to testify as to certain admission of guilt he had made. Morris has a remarkable criminal record, one of his most daring acts being the robbery of a diamond dealer for which crime he served sentence in Iowa.

FACTORIES STARTING UP.

Diamond Business Was Lost To Receiver From Depression.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Diamond factories, after eight months idleness, are resuming operations. Two of the largest factories in New York started work this week and it is expected that others will do so within a few days. The diamond manufacturers say their trade was about the first to feel the depression last year and has been one of the last to show recovery.

A. Moyer, president of the Diamond Workers Protective Union of America, of which all the diamond workers are members, says that at the beginning of the depression some of the workers went back to their homes in Amsterdam, Holland. They are now gradually returning to this country.

Mr. Meyer said that few of these men, who had remunerative jobs before the depression had gone into other occupations.

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